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Scott A. Koch
Information and Privacy Coordinator
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Re: Request under the Freedom of Information Act

Dear Mr. Koch:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request disclosure of the following documents for inspection and possible copying:

All documents dating from 1980 to the present date, including but not limited to cables, letters, memoranda, briefing papers, transcripts, summaries, notes, emails, reports, drafts, and intelligence documents relating in whole or in part to the Colombian paramilitary and drug trafficker José Vicente Castaño Gil, as well as all documents on the Bloque Centauros or Centauros Bloc, the faction of the United Self Defense Forces of Colombia, (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia or AUC) that he leads.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

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To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period.

Sincerely,

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